

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A vehicle mounted control apparatus comprising:

a switch accessible by a driver of a vehicle, the switch being actuated by the driver
~~determination section to determine whether input signal is a signal to select executing an~~
~~operation guidance mode or a signal to select executing a processing of command execution~~
mode;

a voice command receiver inside the vehicle that receives a voice command input when if
~~the determination section executes the command execution mode is executed;~~

a voice recognition section operably connected to the voice command input device for
recognizing ~~a the~~ voice command input by ~~an the~~ voice receiver; ~~input device;~~

a user interface on an interior surface of the vehicle, the user interface being actuated by a
nonverbal input by the driver to select executing an operation guidance mode, the user interface
including a display device that provides visual operation guidance to the driver regarding the
command execution mode when the operation guidance mode is executed;

a control section operably connected to the switch and the user interface, the control
section executing the command execution mode in response to the driver actuating the switch,
the control section executing the operation guidance mode in response to the driver actuating the
user interface by the nonverbal input, that

wherein the control section analyzes a cause of incapability of recognition of the voice
command when the voice command cannot be recognized by the voice recognition section and
gives a visual notice on the result of the analysis via the display device; and

a command execution section that executes the voice command when the voice command
is recognized by the voice recognition section.

10. (Currently Amended) The vehicle mounted control apparatus as claimed in claim 9,
wherein said visual notice is performed by a change of a display format on ~~a the~~ display device.

11. (Currently Amended) A vehicle mounted control apparatus comprising:

a switch accessible by a driver of a vehicle, the switch being actuated by the driver
~~determination section to determine whether input signal is a signal to select executing an~~
~~operation guidance mode or a signal to select executing a processing of command execution~~
~~mode;~~

a voice command receiver inside the vehicle that receives a voice command input if when
~~the determination section executes the command execution mode is executed;~~

a voice recognition section operably connected to the voice command receiver for
~~recognizing a the voice command input by an the voice receiver; input device;~~

a user interface on an interior surface of the vehicle, the user interface being actuated by
the driver to select executing an operation guidance mode, the user interface including a display
device that provides visual operation guidance to the driver regarding the command execution
mode when the operation guidance mode is executed;

a control section operably connected to the switch and the user interface, the control
section executing the command execution mode in response to the driver actuating the switch,
the control section executing the operation guidance mode in response to the driver actuating the
user interface, that

wherein the control section performs an analysis to determine analyzes a particular cause
of incapability of recognition of the voice command when the voice command cannot be
recognized by the voice recognition section; and

a storage section that previously stores a correspondence between different display
formats and different causes of incapability of recognition by the voice recognition section,
corresponding to a result of the analysis;

wherein the control section reads the display format corresponding to the particular cause
determined by the result of analysis from the storage section and gives a visual notice of the
particular cause by changing changes a display format of a screen of the display device to exhibit
the on the basis of the read display format.

12. (Original) The vehicle mounted control apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the display format is a display format of an icon displayed on the screen.

13. (Original) The vehicle mounted control apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the display format is a display format of an icon displayed on the screen.

14. (Original) The vehicle mounted control apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the display format of the icon is a color of the icon displayed on the screen.

15. (Original) The vehicle mounted control apparatus as claimed in claim 13 wherein the display format of the icon is a color of the icon displayed on the screen.

16. (Currently Amended) A vehicle mounted control apparatus comprising:

a switch accessible by a driver of a vehicle, the switch being actuated by the driver
~~determination section to determine whether input signal is a signal to select executing an~~
~~operation guidance mode or a signal to select executing a processing of command execution~~
mode;

a voice command receiver inside the vehicle that receives a voice command input if when
~~the determination section executes the command execution mode is executed;~~

a voice recognition section operably connected to the voice command receiver for
~~recognizing a the voice command input by a the voice command receiver; input device;~~

a user interface on an interior surface of the vehicle, the user interface being actuated by a
nonverbal input by the driver to select executing an operation guidance mode, the user interface
including a display device that provides visual operation guidance to the driver regarding the
command execution mode when the operation guidance mode is executed; and

a control section operably connected to the switch and the user interface, the control
section executing the command execution mode in response to the driver actuating the switch,
the control section executing the operation guidance mode in response to the driver actuating the
user interface by the nonverbal input, that

wherein the control section analyzes a cause of incapability of recognition of the voice command when the voice command cannot be recognized by the voice recognition section and gives a visual notice on the result of the analysis via the display device,

wherein the control section provides with displays a sample of a voice command on a screen of the display device when the operation guidance is executed, the sample corresponding to the voice command to be input when the command execution mode is executed.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The vehicle mounted control apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein further comprising:

the display device operates as an operation guide that displays a menu providing guidance on operation and guidance on a selected operation if when the determination-control section executes the operation guidance mode.

19. (Currently Amended) The vehicle mounted control apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein further comprising:

the display device operates as an operation guide that displays a menu providing guidance on operation and guidance on a selected operation if when the determination-control section executes the operation guidance mode.

20. (Currently Amended) The vehicle mounted control apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein further comprising:

the display device operates as an operation guide that displays a menu providing guidance on operation and guidance on a selected operation if when the determination-control section executes the operation guidance mode.